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Adjective or Adverb?

Teaching

Some pairs of adjectives and adverbs are often a source of confusion and mistakes.

Good or Well

Good is always an adjective; it modifies a noun or pronoun. *Well* is an adverb when it modifies a verb, adverb, or adjective and means “skillfully” or “thoroughly.” *Well* is an adjective when it refers to your health.

- Adjective** Today is a good day for a soccer game.
 I hope the goalie feels well enough to play.
- Adverb** Our team should play well today.

Real or Really

Real is always an adjective; it modifies a noun or pronoun. *Really* is always an adverb; it modifies a verb, adverb, or adjective.

- Adjective** It was a real surprise that we won the last game.
- Adverb** This is a really enthusiastic crowd, isn't it?

Bad or Badly

Bad is always an adjective; it modifies a noun or pronoun. *Badly* is always an adverb; it modifies a verb, adverb, or adjective.

- Adjective** That was a bad call.
- Adverb** He played badly last half.

Using the Correct Adjective or Adverb

Underline the correct modifier from those given in parentheses.

- The sport that I (real, really) enjoy is soccer.
- I am the goalie on the team, and I think I am a (good, well) one.
- In fact, everyone on our team has been playing (good, well) this season.
- We have a couple of forwards that can run (real, really) fast.
- Our defensive players have (real, really) powerful kicks.
- Overall, this season has been going (good, well) for us.
- In the first game our sweeper took a (bad, badly) fall.
- Luckily, he felt (good, well) enough to resume playing.
- We have been playing so (good, well) that we may have a (real, really) chance to make it to the finals.
- I have been practicing (real, really) hard.
- I feel so (bad, badly) when I let in a goal.
- We cannot afford to play (bad, badly) in any game.
- Making it to the finals is a (real, really) challenge.
- But, win or lose, this team always has a (good, well) time.

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More Practice

A. Using the Correct Modifier

Underline the correct word in parentheses in each sentence. Label each word you choose as **ADJ** for adjective or **ADV** for adverb.

1. Stretch your muscles (good, well) before running. _____
2. The pizza with pineapple tastes (good, well). _____
3. Mark felt so (badly, bad) after gym class that he went to the nurse. _____
4. The truck driver drove (real, really) slowly so he could read the addresses. _____
5. If your handwriting is (bad, badly), why don't you enter your paper into the computer? _____
6. The bird was perfectly (good, well) after its wing healed. _____
7. I was sorry to hear that the interview went (bad, badly) for you. _____
8. That soup smells really (well, good), doesn't it? _____

B. Writing with Adjectives and Adverbs

Decide if adjectives and adverbs are used correctly in the following sentences. If you find an error, rewrite the sentence on the line. If the sentence is correct, write **Correct** on the line.

1. Yesterday, the field was real wet.

2. We did not play our game because there was a real chance of the players getting hurt bad if they slipped on the wet grass.

3. Today, the field has dried out real good, and we can play.

4. One of the other team's forwards behaved bad and received a yellow card.

5. That player just made a really good corner kick.

6. Our goalie always feels badly when he misses a real easy shot.

Application

A. Writing Sentences Using Adjectives and Adverbs Correctly

Write sentences using the adjectives and adverbs given.

1. good _____
2. well (adverb) _____
3. well (adjective) _____
4. bad _____
6. badly _____
7. real _____
8. really _____

B. Using Adjectives and Adverbs Correctly

Read the conversation below. It contains several errors in the use of *good*, *well*, *real*, *really*, *bad*, and *badly*. Underline any errors you find. Then rewrite the conversation correctly on the lines below.

"The game today should be real good," said Alex. "I have never seen these two teams play bad."

"Both teams have some real strong players with some good skills," replied Katie. "The goalies play particularly good."

"Haven't you heard? Fernando was injured real bad in the last game. We are all hoping that he will be doing good soon. Everyone feels badly that he will miss today's game."

"That's really bad news. We'll just have to see if his team can play as good without him."

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